

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:

--Note that the electrical cord **70** becomes conduit **74** once it is run up inside the core stem **20** to the plurality of coconut lights **60** of the first embodiment of the portable palm tree in a planter **10**. The proximal end **22** of the core stem **20** is placed into the flange **52** of the base **50** and is secured with a metal drive bolt **80** and a ~~Cotter~~ cotter pin **82**. The base **50** and the entire planter box **30** can also be anchored down and attached to the ground surface using 4 base corner anchors **90** disposed at each corner of the base **50**. An aperture **73** is also provided in one of the sides of the planter box **30** to accommodate an electrical cord **70** running outside of the planter box **30**.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 4, with the following amended paragraph:

--Fig. 4A illustrates how the plurality of sheet metal leaves **40** are attached to the distal end **24** of the core stem **20**. ~~The~~ Each of the plurality of sheet metal leaves **40** ~~are~~ is attached to the distal end **24** of the core stem **20** with an anchor bolt **120**, a barrel nut **122** and epoxy adhesive **124**. There are 9-12 leaves in the plurality of sheet metal leaves **40** for the portable palm tree in a planter **10**. The plurality of sheet metal leaves **40** are made of galvanized sheet metal and bronze welds (not shown) and are also treated with a red oxide metal primer. They are accompanied by a plurality of dead fronds **130** and a plurality of plastic leaves **134** that are also attached to the distal end **24** of the core stem **20** using a strip

of sheet metal and brads **132** that can hide the anchor bolts **120**, the barrel nuts **122** and epoxy adhesive **124**--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 12, with the following amended paragraph:

--Use and assembly of the portable palm tree in a planter **10** is straightforward. There are 9-12 palm leaves in the plurality of leaves **40** that are made of galvanized sheet metal, while there are several dead fronds **130** and a plurality of plastic leaves **134** made from plastic and unwound nylon rope. The proximal end **22** of the core stem **20** can be slid into the flange **52**, which is welded to the steel base plate **50**, and can be further secured with a metal drive bolt **80** and ~~Cotter~~ cotter pin **82**. The base plate **50** is also provided with an aperture **92** in each corner of the base plate **50** that can accommodate a base corner anchor **90** that anchors the planter box **30** to the ground.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

--The first embodiment of the portable palm tree in a planter **10** has a core stem **20** that has conduit **74** from the electric cord **70** to the distal end **24** of the core stem **20**. This arrangement provides electricity to the plurality of artificial coconut lights **60** placed with the plurality of sheet metal leaves **40** and the plurality of dead fronds **130** and the plurality of plastic leaves **134** at the distal end **24** of the core stem **20**.

The first embodiment of the portable palm tree in a planter **10** has the plurality of artificial coconut lights **60** disposed on the distal end **24** of the core stem **20** to provide light for the portable palm tree in a planter

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10. There is also a second embodiment of the portable palm tree in a planter **150** where a plurality of artificial coconut lights **60** are placed on top of the planter box **30** adjacent to the core stem **20**. The second embodiment of the portable palm tree in a planter **150** is otherwise the same as the first embodiment of the portable palm tree in a planter **10** except for the placement of the plurality of artificial coconut lights **60**--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 19, with the following amended paragraph:

--Both embodiments of the portable palm tree in a planter **10,150 10** can be used inside or outside and the planter box **30** can also be used to hold beverages. Both embodiments of the portable palm tree in a planter **10,150 10** are weather resistant, durable and maintenance free. Both embodiments of the portable palm tree in a planter **10,150 10** also weigh approximately 80 pounds each.--